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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR UPDATE OF WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR -
DJIBOUTI

Ref: A) State 143552

B) 2004 Djibouti 1124

1. In reftel B, post responded to State 163453 of July 2004 and gave detailed information on the subject. We have contacted all of our sources of information again and they confirmed that the worst forms of child labor still do not exist in Djibouti. No new laws or regulations were passed since last year. The Ministry of Labor finalized the New Labor Code but the Parliament did not approve it yet. In towns, children continue to be employed in the informal economic activities: they work as shoe cleaners, car washers, or domestic servants. It is important to note that most of these children are displaced from neighboring countries and have no other means of income. Some of these children become beggars or street prostitutes. In rural areas, children help their parents in agricultural or livestock areas if they are not enrolled in the school.